

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. J. Ader  
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Somerville, MA 02144

Reference: F-2019-01894

Dear Mr. Ader:

On 24 June 2019, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 24 June 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **records relating or mentioning systems scientist Jay Forrester (born Jay Wright Forrester, July 14, 1918 – November 16, 2016)**. We interpret your request as a request for **records on Jay Wright Forrester**. We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

We are reaching out to you because although you have provided some of the identifying information required before we can effectively search our files on an individual, we still need additional data before we can begin processing your request. Without this data, we may be unable to distinguish between individuals with the same or similar names. Specifically, we require the individual's:

☐ *Full name*

☒ *Place of birth*

☒ *Place of death*

☒ *Evidence of death*

☐ *Living party signed affidavit: Freedom of Information Act-Certification of Identity Form and copy of Code of Federal Regulations Vol. 32§ 1900.32(b) information (enclosed).*

If the individual is deceased, we also require some *evidence of death*, such as a death certificate, an obituary, or a press statement to ensure there are no privacy considerations. A website link in itself does not satisfy the proof of death requirement. Please provide the actual documentation and source. Proof of death is not required if date of birth is 100 years ago or greater.

We will hold your request for 45 business days from the date of this letter pending your response to the information that we are requesting. If we do not receive a response from you within this timeframe, we will assume that you are no longer interested and close your request as we are unable to process your

request without the additional information that we have identified. This does not preclude you from resubmitting in the future if you are able to provide the requested information.

Please send requested information to:

Information and Privacy Coordinator  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

If you prefer to fax in your information, our facsimile is 703-613-3007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lilly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator



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Information and Privacy Coordinator  
Washington, DC 20505 Fax (703)613-3007

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - CERTIFICATION OF IDENTITY

**Privacy Act Statement:** In accordance with 32 CFR Section 1901.13 personal data to identify the individual submitting requests by mail or by Facsimile under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this form is to ensure that the records of individuals are not wrongfully disclosed by Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Requests will not be processed if all of this information is not furnished. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

Your Name (Last, First, Middle) – Mr/Mrs/Ms: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subject's Full Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Any Other Names Used? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth (City, State/Country): \_\_\_\_\_

Month Day Year

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Death (City, State/Country): \_\_\_\_\_

Month Day Year

### SUBJECT'S CITIZENSHIP STATUS (Please Check One)

\_\_\_\_ US Citizen Social Security Number <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

OR

Other Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Records of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOUR SUBJECT IS LIVING

**Authorization to Release Information to Another Person:** This section is to be completed by a requester who is authorizing information relating to him/herself to be released to another person. Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b), I authorize the CIA to release any and all information relating to me to the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name and address to who records should be released

**Subject's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Providing your subject's social security number is voluntary. You are asked to provide the social security number only to facilitate the identification of records. Without the social security number, we may be unable to locate any or all records.

**Code of Federal Regulations, Vol. 32  
Chapter XIX (7-1-17 Edition)**

**§ 1900.32 Procedures for information  
concerning other persons.**

(a) *In general.* Personal information concerning individuals other than the requester shall not be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act if the proposed release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. See 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).

For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) *Personal information* means any information about an individual that is not a matter of public record, or easily discernible to the public, or protected from disclosure because of the implications that arise from Government possession of such information.

(2) *Public interest* means the public interest in understanding the operations and activities of the United States Government and not simply any matter which might be of general interest to the requester or members of the public.

(b) *Determination to be made.* In making the required determination under this section and pursuant to exemption

(b)(6) of the FOIA, the Agency will balance the privacy interests that would be compromised by disclosure against the public interest in release of the requested information.

(c) *Otherwise.* A requester seeking information on a third person is encouraged to provide a signed affidavit or declaration from the third person waiving all or some of their privacy rights. However, all such waivers shall be narrowly construed and the Coordinator, in the exercise of his discretion and administrative authority, may seek clarification from the third party prior to any or all releases.